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DETAILED ACTION

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This Office action is in response to the amendment filed December 11, 2006.

1. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by SHIMA et al (2004/0048192 A1) or SOYANO et al (6,800,419 B2) is **withdrawn** in view of the amendment canceling claim 1-5.

2. Upon updating the search, new references were found which are used below:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 6-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by KODAMA et al (2002/0102491).

The claimed invention is now drawn to the following:

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6. (previously presented) A photoresist resin comprising at least a constitutional repeating unit A containing a group capable of partially leaving by the action of an acid to thereby become soluble in an alkali; and a constitutional repeating unit B containing an alicyclic skeleton having a polar group,

wherein the resin

- (i.) has a weight-average molecular weight of 3000 to 15000 and
- (ii.) has a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn, wherein Mw is weight-average molecular weight and Mn is number-average molecular weight) of from 1.1 to 3.5 and
- (iii.) has a content of polymer fractions each having a molecular weight exceeding 40000 of 4 percent by weight or less of the total resin.

KODAMA et al disclose a positive photosensitive composition comprising a compound which generates a specified sulfonic acid and a resin capable of decomposing under the action of an acid to increase the solubility in an alkali-developer. Applicants are directed to <u>Table 5 on page 37 paragraph [462]</u> wherein resins (P11), (P15), (P19) and P(20) disclose resins made from monomers defined as b54, b55, b56, b1, b62, a5, b63, b64, b65 as seen on pages 48 - 54 which meet the recited constitutional repeating units of A and B. The weight average molecular weight of the resins are (P11), (P15), (P19) and P(20), are 400, 11,000, 11,000 and 13,000, respectively and having a degree of dispersion (Mw/Mn) of 1.9, 1.8, 1.9 and 2.2, respectively.

These resins are exemplified in Examples 51, 52, 58-60 an d63-67 in Table 6 and 7 found on pages 73 and 74 and provide compositions which have high sensitivity, resolution and exposure margin.

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The claims are anticipated by the disclosure and no claims are allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Chu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly, can be reached on (571) 272-1526

The fax phone number for the USPTO is (571) 273-8300.

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